(b) whether it is a fact that in the above premises, small scale units are functioning earning foreign exchange for the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the above society has agreed to the terms and conditions put forward by the Bombay Port Trust except the society has requested for the nominal licence fee to be charged; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps are being taken to finalise the lease agreement with the society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A letter from a Member of Parliament has been received regarding the renewal of lease agreement by Bombay Port Trust -with the Minerva Premises Cooperative Society Limited.

(b) There are a number of small scale industries on the premises but no informa tion as to whether these are earning any foreign exchange, is available.

(c) The Society has requested for grant of a lease in their name on the terms and conditions determined by the Bombay Port Trust in respect of the premises occupied hy them. There is no request from the Society for levy of nominal licence fee.

(d) The Minerva Premises Cooperative Society Limited are the sub-tenants of the registered lessees and hence the question of renewal of lease agreement with the said society does not arise. A suit filed by Bom ba/ Port Trust against the present registered Ussees is pending in the Court.

Land acquired for U.T. near Vihar Lake in Bombay

3523. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern ment had acquired some land in 1953 for the purpose of establishment of I.I.T. near Vihar Lake, Bombay;

(b) whether it is a fact that after acqui-sition of the land, no development has taken place on it;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the above land belong to a freedom fighter and he has appealed to Government for the release of his land; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to hand over the land to him when it does not require the land and by when this is likely to be handed over to him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMEN (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) The land provided to the I.I.T. Bombay for its establishmeiit was made available by the Government of Maharashtra after acquiring it through its land acquisition process. A portion of this land was given to the National Institute for Training in Industrial Engineering for its establishment. However, a small part of the land belonging to one Shri Rajaram Trivedi could not be handed over by the -State Government as he had filed a Writ Petition in the Bombay High Court which was reportedly rejected. However an ap peal preferred by Shri Trivedi against the State Government is before the High Court and the case is sub-judice.